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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2463

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ARRIVAL OF VESSEL IN SINGAPORE WATERS ON MAY 2 CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 300 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. VESSEL, SIGHTED OFF CHANGI POINT, WAS BOARDED BY SINGAPORE MARINE POLICE, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS EVENING OF MAY 2. NO WORD AS YET IF GOS WILL ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND AT ST. JOHNS ISLAND QUARANTINE STATION. 15 REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED ON APRIL 29 ABOARD C-47 REMAIN ON ST. JOHN'S AND EMBASSY HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR THEIR DEPARTURE.

2. EMBASSY ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT 50 SEAMEN FROM 4 SVN MERCHANT SHIPS HAVE BEEN IN SINGAPORE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. LOCAL AGENT FOR THE SHIPS IS REPORTEDLY AWAITING WORD FROM SAIGON BEFORE MOVING SHIPS FROM SINGAPORE. TO DATE, TWO OF THE SEAMEN, BOTH OFFICERS, HAVE REQUESTED ASYLUM IN U.S.

3. SO FAR 64 VIETNAMESE HAVE REQUESTED ASYLUM IN THE U.S. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, VIETNAMESE EMBASSY STAFF AND DEPENDENTS HAVE REQUESTED ASYLUM IN U.S. TOTAL NUMBER HAS
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DECREASED FROM 22 TO 15 AS 7 NOW PLAN TO SETTLE IN FRANCE OR

ITALY. IN ADDITION, VIETNAMESE CHARGE HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY LIST
OF 46 VIETNAMESE LIVING IN SINGAPORE WHO REQUEST ASYLUM AND
CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECEIVED ONE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FROM
VIETNAMESE CLAIMING REFUGEE STATUS.
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